

# FAQ

## **What is Walk-a-thon?**

Walk-a-thon is a long-revered community building event as well as one of our major fundraisers. We hope to see all students and their families attend. The entire school comm(unity) comes together to walk laps around the school track. It's an opportunity for walking, dancing to the DJ's music, socializing, munching on snacks and visiting our school mascot Champ! All donations count towards fundraising prizes for students. Students need to meet their grade's lap goal per student or raise \$150 to count towards prizes.

## **When and where is Walk-a-thon?**

Walk-a-thon is on Friday, May 3 at the Cherry Crest school track. Students with a submitted permission slip walk during lunch recess and/or after school from 2:30-4:30pm. Click [here](#) to complete the online permission slip. Please complete one permission slip per student.

## **Who watches my child after school?**

You are responsible for your child after school. Consider arranging a chaperone to meet your child if you are unable to attend. Each student requires a submitted permission slip to participate at lunch recess and/or after school. Click [here](#) to complete the online permission slip. Please complete one per student.

## **What does my child need to bring to Walk-a-thon?**

Each student should wear their Walk-a-thon t-shirt to school along with appropriate walking shoes.

## **What if it rains on Walk-a-thon day?**

We walk rain or shine, so please send your student(s) to school with appropriate clothing and shoes – including rain gear.

## **Do the kids get refreshments?**

Snacks and water will be provided to all students during the Walk-a-thon.

## **Where to park?**

Expect to park off campus and walk 10-15 minutes to school. Please respect our neighbors and park responsibly. Make sure school buses and emergency vehicles can access all roads. Keep clear of driveways, crosswalks and stop signs. Parking on campus will be filled by staff, vendors and volunteers doing setup. Consider carpooling or connecting with families you know live close to Cherry Crest.

## **Are pets allowed?**

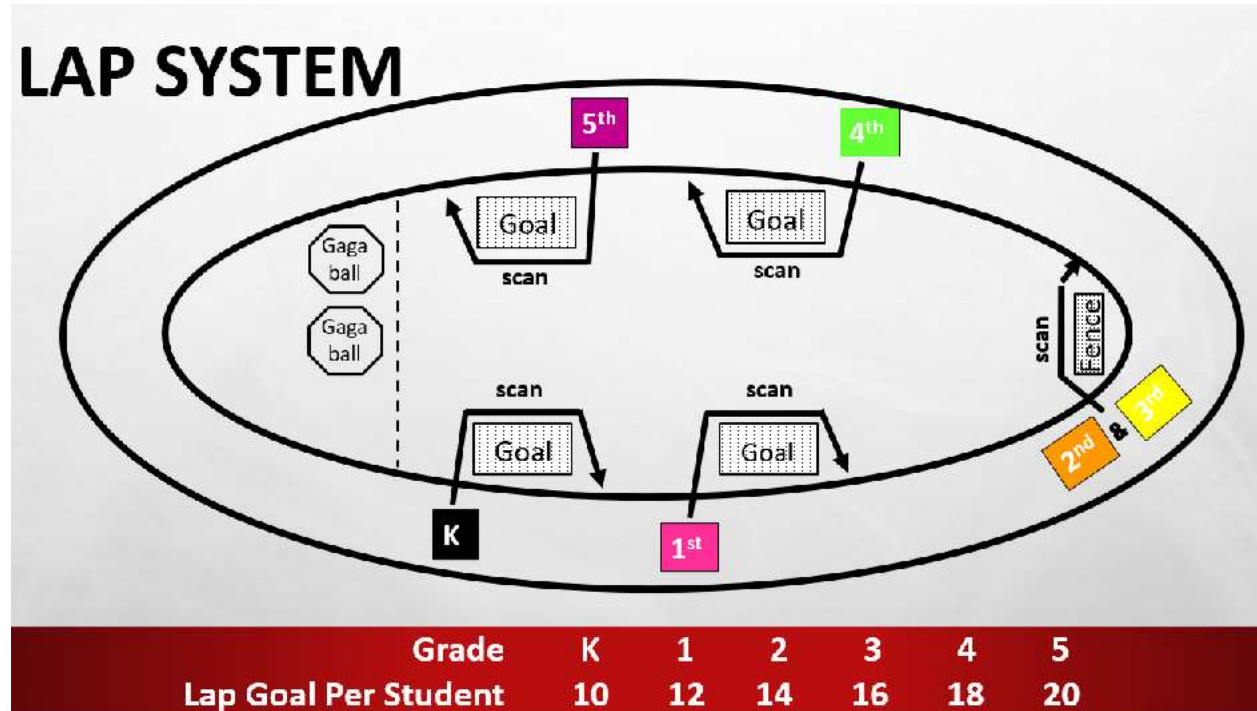
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## How are laps tracked?

We use the EZ Tally application to track laps. Each student receives a QR code badge on a lanyard to be scanned by volunteers at their grade's area around the track. Teachers will distribute student badges just before walking begins.

## What are the Lap Goals? Where does my child get their badge scanned?



## How is participation tracked?

A student must reach their grade's lap goal per student or raise \$150 to be eligible for prizes. Be sure donors note your child's name in the provided fields when making a donation of any kind!

## What are the awards?

**Top Fundraiser per grade** wins a Cherry Crest's Glow in the Dark Water Bottle and frozen treats at an extra recess for their entire class!

**Cherry Crest's Glow in the Dark Water Bottle:** Each student who raises \$150 or more will earn this fan favorite!

**Top Participation by class** wins Big Foot honors (name of class on Big Foot plaque and Big Foot trophy in their classroom for the rest of this school year) plus gets to "Soak the Principals" at an extra recess!

**70%+ Participation by class** wins extra recess!

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**Goody Bag:** Every student who returns their badge receives a custom Cherry Crest bracelet!

### **What do we do with the badges after Walk-a-thon?**

Please return all badges before leaving Walk-a-thon. There will be a check out table to collect badges. As a bonus, each student receives a Cherry Crest bracelet when returning his/her badge.

### **What is the suggested donation?**

Our recommended donation is **\$150** per student. Every student who raises \$150 will earn a Cherry Crest's Glow in the Dark Water Bottle! Our fundraising goal for this event is \$40,000! Click [here](#) to donate. Donations are tax deductible and eligible for [corporate matching](#) so please check with your employer to see if they will match your donations. Matched funds are not factored into prize eligibility.

### **What do the funds raised support?**

In the Bellevue School District, budget shortfalls are overcome with levies, grants, and local fundraising. Cherry Crest PTSA has budgeted approximately \$180,000 this school year to support Cherry Crest Elementary students, families, and staff. We have talented teachers who rely on these funds to maintain the educational programs and additional classroom support staff that distinguish Cherry Crest Elementary as a top school. Your donations impact student learning and well-being!

What does this look like?

- Fully funded [Curriculum Enrichment](#) programs selected by our teachers
- Educational materials for each classroom
- More opportunities for differentiated learning with additional [General School Assistants](#) (GSAs) to ensure each grade as a dedicated GSA
- Student Clubs (Math, Science, Passport, Running)
- Student Competitions (Art Reflections, Spelling Bee)
- Family Engagement (Online Directory, PTSA Family Dinners, Variety Show, Cultural Fair and more!)

### **How do I make a donation?**

Click [here](#) to make a donation. All donations are 100% tax deductible. You have the option to support one or more specific students so they can meet fundraising goals and be eligible for fundraising prizes.